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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY, PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING,
AND SOCIAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD
(Professional Counselor Section)

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION :
FOR LICENSURE OF :

GLORIA JEAN BANNASCH, :
Applicant. :

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FINAL DECISION AND ORDER GRANTING PROVISIONAL LICENSE

On July 27, 2009, the Professional Counselor Section of the Wisconsin Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling, and Social Work Examining Board held a Class I hearing under the authority of sec. 227.44 and chs. 15 and 457, Wis. Stats., and Chs. MPSW11 and RL 1, Wis. Admin. Code, on the Denial of Application for a Professional Counselor submitted by Gloria Jean Bannasch. Based upon the information of record and presented at the hearing, the Board adopts and issues the following:

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

1. On or about August 7, 2008, the applicant, Gloria Jean Bannasch, submitted an application for a license to practice as a professional counselor in the state of Wisconsin.
2. On February 26, 2009, the Professional Counselor Section issued a Notice of Intent to Deny to the applicant on the basis that there was insufficient evidence to demonstrate that she had completed 3,000 hours of supervised professional counseling practice in no less than 2 years while holding a professional counselor training license.
3. On April 5, 2009, the applicant requested a hearing pursuant to RL 1 to challenge the denial of her application. The hearing on the denial of application was held on July 27, 2009.

FINDINGS OF FACT

4. The applicant is a 1981 graduate of the University of Georgia in Athens, Georgia, with a Master's of Education Degree with a major in Guidance and Counseling.
5. The applicant completed her supervised professional counseling practice in a variety of settings in several states. Upon graduation, the applicant worked as a psychiatric social worker at Sarasota Palms Hospital, in the state of Florida from 1981 to 1985.
6. The applicant next worked as an in-patient substance abuse counselor at Medical Center Hospital in Port Charlotte, Florida, in 1986 and set up and managed the out-patient clinic for the hospital the following year.

7. The applicant also provided therapy and treatment for groups and individuals in various clinical settings in the state of Indiana from 1988 to 1994.

8. The applicant has not practiced in the field of social work, professional counseling or substance abuse treatment for the past 15 years or held a license as a professional counselor in Wisconsin or any other state.

9. The applicant appeared at the hearing to demonstrate that she completed more than the 3,000 hours of supervised practice within the requisite time period. The applicant was able to document some of her prior work experience but many of the individuals who supervised her former practice are unavailable to verify her training.

10. The applicant offered to complete additional educational courses in professional counseling, take the National Professional Counselor examination, and to practice under supervision for a specified period to ensure the currency of her knowledge and skills in professional counseling.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Professional Counselors Section of the Wisconsin Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling, and Social Work Examining Board is the legal authority responsible for granting credentials for a Professional Counselor license pursuant to ch. 457, Wis. Stats, and has subject-matter jurisdiction over an application for licensure as a Professional Counselor.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the applicant, Gloria Jean Bannasch, is hereby granted a PROVISIONAL license, which allows her to practice as a professional counselor in the state of Wisconsin, subject to limitations. This provisional license is not based upon a disciplinary action. The purpose of the limitations upon the applicant's license is to ensure the currency of the applicant's knowledge and skills due to the fact that she has not practiced professional counseling for a number of years. Pursuant to the terms of the provisional license, the applicant is hereby required to satisfy the following: 1) complete specified continuing education in professional counseling; 2) pass the Professional Counselor's National Examination; 3) complete a period of supervised practice with a comprehensive evaluation that verifies her ability to practice independently.

A. Continuing Education in Professional Counseling

- Attend the September 24 -25, 2009, *Interpersonal Psychotherapy Institute* at the University of Iowa, Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa City, Iowa.

- Complete a four (4) credit on-line course, *Principles of Psychopathology*, #HS5107, offered through Capella University, beginning on October 5, 2009.
- Complete seven (7) credits of on-line courses offered through *At Health, Inc.*, a nationally recognized provider of continuing education in the following topics.
 - B1408-B04 Suicide Assessment and Intervention 1 CEU
 - A471-A12 Private Practice Is A Business 2 CEUs
 - B3005-B04 Domestic Violence and PTSD 1 CEU
 - B6701-B04 Bipolar Disorder and Alcoholism 1 CEU
 - B7101-B04 Diagnosis and Treatment of Personality Disorders 2 CEUs

B. National Professional Counselor Examination

- Successful passage of one of the following: the National Counselor Examination, the National Counselor Mental Health Certification Examination, or the Certified Rehabilitation Counselor examination. Both parts of the examination requirement may be taken prior to the completion of the required period of supervised practice.

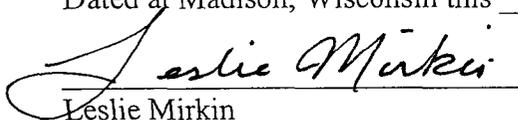
C. Supervised Practice Period

- Completion of a six (6) month period of supervised professional counseling practice, which consists of a minimum of one hour per week face-to-face supervisory sessions, under the supervision of Joseph D. Hoelscher, MSW, LCSW, SAC, who has been pre-approved by the section and qualified to supervise per MPSW 12.02(2), Wis. Admin. Code. If Mr. Hoelscher is unable to complete the required supervision, the applicant must notify the Section and obtain pre-approval of a successor to serve as her practice supervisor.

Upon completion of the supervised practice described above, the applicant's supervisor must provide a comprehensive written evaluation of the applicant's performance and verification of her ability to practice professional counseling independently.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that upon satisfactory completion of all of the requirements above, and acceptable proof thereof, the applicant may submit a petition to the Professional Counselor Section of the Wisconsin Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling, and Social Work Examining Board requesting issuance of a full professional counselor license. The requirements described herein shall continue in force and effect until such time as the applicant has shown satisfactory completion of all terms and conditions based upon proof acceptable to the professional counselor section.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin this 5th day of October, 2009.



Leslie Mirkin

Chair of the Professional Counselor Section

Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling, and Social Work Examining Board